

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground shows a cluster of houses with dark roofs, partially obscured by green trees. The middle ground is a vast, rolling valley with green fields and scattered trees. In the distance, there are low hills under a bright, slightly hazy sky. The overall tone is peaceful and natural.

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A background image of a rural landscape with rolling green hills, fields, and a small village with houses and trees under a cloudy sky.

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**ABOUT US**

# Who We Are

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- **Established in July 2014**
- **28 Police & Crime Commissioners across England and Wales**
- **Other Members include groups with deep interest in community safety and rural affairs.**

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**A thriving rural community  
– all those who live, work or enjoy  
the countryside – that feels safe,  
understood and is secure.**

# Our Mission

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**Based on an in depth understanding of the needs, concerns and threats to rural communities, make substantive policy and practice improvements.**

# Our Objectives

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- **Give rural communities a voice**
- **Act as a multi-agency think tank on rural policing and criminal justice policy and practice, to ensure the needs of rural communities and victims are better served nationally and locally**
- **Protect the rural economy by influencing and improving policy regarding rural policing and community safety, actively seeking to change legislation where necessary**

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- **Become a central hub for practitioners, encouraging national and regional outlets for discussions on rural crime issues between relevant rural partners, watch groups and appropriate national organisations, proactively sharing best practice**
  - **Increase reporting of rural crime and wider community safety issues**

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**OUR RESEARCH & IMPACT**



# Research Aims

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- **We aim to influence people who make decisions about policy and practice, so that rural communities are better understood and supported.**
- **An important element of this is evidencing the scale and cost of crime in rural areas**

# 2015 National Rural Crime Survey

- To do this, we commissioned the largest ever survey of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities.

## The true cost of crime in rural areas

*Report and recommendations*



11 September 2015



# The Headlines

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- **True cost of rural crime could exceed £800m per year**
- **Average cost of crimes to a household over £2,500 and £4,000 for a rural business**
- **Chronic under-reporting, anger, frustrating and worry – a vicious circle of low expectations**

# In Detail

- **Financial impact of rural crime**
- **Fear of crime is increasing**
- **Low satisfaction rates of police performance in rural areas**
- **Crime is underreported – but communities are resilient**

# What Happened Next

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- **Police forces across England and Wales made efforts to improve the way they dealt with rural crime.**
- **A mix of measures**

# 2018 National Rural Crime Survey

- **On 18 April, we will launch the 2018 Survey.**
- **Our aim – to assess the impact the changes have had, take the temperature of rural crime and see what best practice can be showcased and rolled out further.**
- **Due to publish findings at the end of July**

# Domestic Abuse Research Project

- **National research with victims to understand barriers to victims of domestic abuse in rural areas seeking support.**
- **A range of methodology.**
- **Timescales still tbcf – likely to report in the Autumn.**

# Other Research

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- **Fair Funding for Rural Policing** – we examined this issue with the University of Plymouth
- **The report found a range of challenges in ensuring the demands of rural policing were reflecting in Home Office funding formula**
- *[www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research](http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research)*

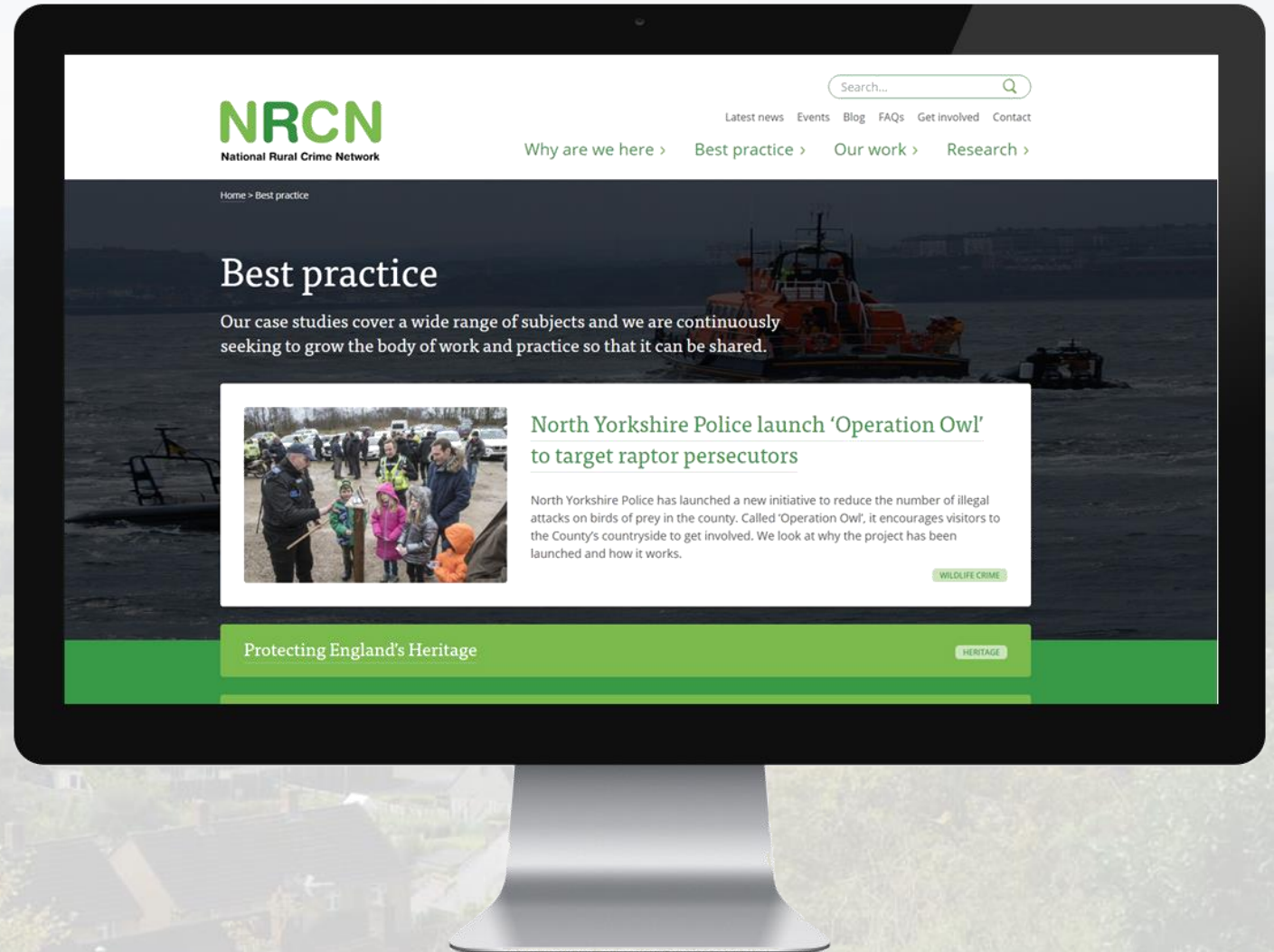


# Other Research

- **We are also keen to showcase other people and organisation's research on these issues and our website provides a hub for this**

# Sharing Best Practice

- One of our main aims as an organisation
- Whether through research or looking at what works across the country, we want to share what works and why



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